

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 505  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge James Beveridge Scott, Jr.,  
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers to ensure equal justice for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Judge James Beveridge Scott, Jr., of Oak Ridge, who has recently retired from the bench after 27 years as Circuit and Criminal Court Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charleston, West Virginia, a young James Beveridge "Buddy" Scott, Jr., at the age of eight, accompanied his parents, James B. and Mary Ann Scott, and sisters, Sally and Francis, as they relocated to Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee in 1960, Judge Scott met his future wife, Mildred Kidwell, at the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, where he was employed; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Scott enrolled in the University of Tennessee's Law School in 1963 and attained his Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1965. Upon passage of the bar exam, he began his practice as an Assistant District Attorney General for Roane, Loudon, and Blount Counties while simultaneously practicing law in Oak Ridge with Allen Kidwell and Harry Lillard; and

WHEREAS, elected as a representative to the 1971 Constitutional Convention, Judge Scott quickly earned the confidence and respect of his peers and was chosen to chair the committee responsible for drafting the constitutional amendment dealing with taxation; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he became the Assistant District Attorney for the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which included Anderson, Campbell, Fentress, Morgan, and Union counties, and in 1976 was named District Attorney General for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, Judge James B. Scott, Jr., became the Circuit and Criminal Court Judge for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in 1978; throughout his exemplary judicial tenure he would earn recognition as an outstanding jurist who rendered sound judgments; and

WHEREAS, Judge Scott's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, James Beveridge Scott, Jr., exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean. He and his devoted wife Mildred are the proud parents of three successful children; Jim, Dana, and Annie, who are licensed attorneys in Knoxville with the firm of Daniel, Pemberton, Scott and Scott; and the doting grandparents of four treasured grandchildren; Jack, Samuel, Drew, and John; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge Scott has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and thank Judge James Beveridge Scott, Jr., for his many years of meritorious service to the people of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.